

PROCLAMATION BY GOVERNOR FERGUSON, VETOING AND DIS-  
APPROVING HOUSE BILL NUMBER 339.

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To the Honorable Secretary of State:

This is to advise that I have this the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1917, officially disapproved and vetoed House Bill Number 339, passed by the Thirty-fifth Legislature, same being an Act to establish and maintain at the Ferguson State Farm, in Madison County, Texas, a school for the education and training of incorrigible negro boys, my objections being:

That there has not been any provision made for the care and instruction of these boys on said Ferguson State Farm, and to put them there at this time would entail a loss of many thousand dollars to the state, and would entail upon the Prison Commission a responsibility which they are not prepared to assume. I think the better plan would be to acquire another farm upon which to place the negro boys and leave it under the control of the present Board, who have laid out that work on comprehensive lines. This being the case, I cannot approve the bill taking these boys and putting them under the control of the Penitentiary authorities.

*Jas. C. Ferguson.*  
Governor of Texas.